

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to clarify that the GLLS is present in a client network in which the client making a resource request is present and the GDLS is at a location remote from the client network. Claim 26 has been cancelled.

Applicants submit that Logan does not disclose any of the features recited in Claim 1.

Logan describes a method whereby switches (106, 108 and 110 in Figure 1) “return a set of IP-addresses that represent a virtual-IP (VIP). For example, the distributed-server switch 108 could respond to the URL query with a set of IP addresses ... which could satisfy web-based content and service demands associated with the single URL. Each of the several IP-addresses exists at a geographically diverse location e.g. as represented by distributed server switches” (Column 4 Line 50 to 58).

From Figure 1 in Logan it is clear that switches 106, 108 and 110 are at a location remote from the client network (which may be reached via the internet 104) i.e. the same location as the GDLS of the present network. Nowhere does Logan disclose or even suggest a “GLLS in a client network” as recited in Claim 1.

Additionally, as stated in Column 4 Lines 59 to 60, the client will receive such a response [containing several IP-addresses] via its local domain name server. Therefore, Applicants submit that Logan discloses that the client selects the best resource provider from the several IP-addresses supplied. Logan does not teach a “GLLS selecting the best resource provider in the list according to the server selection criteria and ... executing the executable instructions to facilitate providing the requested resource to the client by the best resource provider” as recited in Claim 1.

Even if the Examiner believes that the local domain name server corresponds to the GLLS (which is not admitted) because Logan discloses that the client receives the response to a URL query via its local domain name server (see Column 4 lines 59 and 60), Applicants submit that nowhere does Logan disclose or even suggest that the local domain name server carries out further processing on the set of IP addresses.

Thus, the local domain name server cannot be considered to execute the functions of “selecting the best resource provider in the list according to the server selection criteria and ... executing the executable instructions to facilitate providing the requested resource to the client by the best resource provider” as recited in Claim 1.

Applicants submit that for the above reasons the local domain name server cannot be considered to be the equivalent of the GLLS.

Therefore, in view of the above arguments Applicants submit that Claim 1 is not anticipated by Logan.

With reference to Claim 25 Logan states that “those servers that are the healthiest, more closely located, and showing good response times and throughputs should have more of the traffic directed to them” (Column 5 Lines 14 to 16). Thus any message sent to the client will depend on the healthiest server, i.e. that with the best response time. Nowhere does Logan describe supplying a GLLS or even a client with a DNS record “comprising a user-defined text-field for specifying Content Selection Criteria for finding a preferred resource provider” as recited in Claim 25.

Applicants therefore submit that Claim 25 is not anticipated by Logan.

Claims 27 and 30 are scalable architecture and computer readable storage medium claims respectfully. Both Claim 27 and Claim 30 have corresponding features to Claim 1. Applicants therefore submit that Logan does not anticipate

Claims 27 and 30 for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 1.

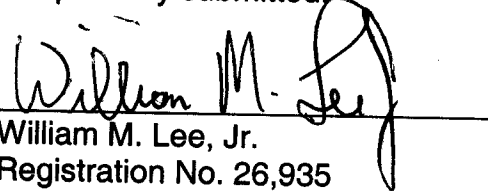
Applicants submit that Claims 2, 5, 7, 8, 10 to 13, 19 to 24, 28, 29 and 31 to 36 are not anticipated by Logan at least by virtue of their dependencies.

Applicants thus submit that the claims, as cast, are allowable and further action in that regard is urged.

This response is timely and no extension fee is needed as November 10, 2006 was a holiday and November 11 and 12, 2006 a weekend.

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Respectfully submitted,

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